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Sir:

This responds to the October 20, 2008 Final Office Action in the above-identified application.

The time for responding to the October 20, 2008 Office Action without extension was set at three months, or Janaury 20, 2009. Applicants hereby request a two (2) month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 to extend the deadline for response to March 20, 2009. Payment of the \$245.00 small entity fee specified in 37 CFR § 1.17(a) is authorized in the enclosed Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038.

Authorization is also hereby given to charge the amount of any additional fee properly payable in connection with the filing and entry of this application, to Deposit Account No. 08-3284.

A listing of the claims of the above-identified patent application are set out in Section I (Pending Claims) hereof, for ease of reference in respect of the ensuing Remarks. No amendments of the claims are being made herein.

Remarks concerning the patentability of the claims 1-17 over the references cited in the October 20, 2008 Office Action are set out in **Section II (Remarks)** hereof.